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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Ira G. SCHULMAN, et al.

Application No.: 09/982,544

Filed: October 10, 2001

For: METHODS FOR AFFECTING
VARIOUS DISEASES UTILIZING LXR
COMPOUNDS

Customer No.: 20350

Confirmation No. 7779

Examiner: Kam, Chih-Min

Technology Center/Art Unit: 1653

SECOND AMENDMENT and RESPONSE
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is in response to the "final" Office Action dated January 6, 2004, which set April 6, 2004 as the initial period for response. Accordingly, a petition for a one-month extension of time is enclosed herewith. This response is thus believed to be timely filed.

This is also in response to the Advisory Action mailed April 20, 2004.

Please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows. Entry of the current amendments under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 is respectfully requested because they address and obviate an objection set forth in the Action, thus placing the claims in better form for consideration on appeal.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.